policy and the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The Government are in the process of formulating an Action Plan for Tourism which may necessitate some policy changes.

Scheme for Girl Drop-Outs

769. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched two new schemes 'Girls-to-Girl Approach' and 'Balika Mandals' for school girl drop-outs; and

(b) If so, the Salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The salient features of the two new adolescent girls Schemes are as follows:

SCHEME—I (Girl to Girl approach)

The purpose of this Scheme is to meet the health and nutrition needs of the girls as well as to train them as agents of change in the village. It will compose training of School drop-out adolescent girls of the age-group 11-15 years in the running of Anganwadis. Three girls would be trained in each Anganwadi every Six months. Each of the three girls would be attached to the Anganwadi for two days a week during these six months. In addition, each girl will be given special training for further orientation; towards safe motherhood per-school education etc. During the period of their association with the Anganwadi Centre, the girls would be provided supplementary nutrition daily.

SCHEME—II (BALIKA MANDALS)

There will be 10 Balika Mandals in each block for imparting education on personal hygienes, environmental sanitation, nutrition, home nursing, first aid, fact of life and some training so as to up-grade their existing skills. These Balika Mandals will also provided literacy, non-formal education and recreational facilities. Thus these Balika Mandals shall generally act as institutional outlet for these girls who are illiterate or have drooped out of the formal educational system.

During the current year, scheme would be implemented in 507 blocks of the country. these schemes are being implemented as additional components of the ICDS scheme.

[*Translation*]

Extension of Tori-Delhi Line upto Ranchi

771. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to extend the Tori-Delhi line upto Ranchi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.